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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

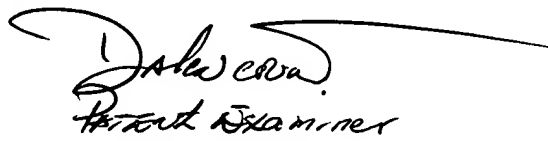
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


Examiner

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the correspondence filed on February 3, 2006.

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 1-18 represent dynamic resource allocation architecture for differentiated services over broadband communication network.

2. *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 12-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-11 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hreha U.S. 6,400,696.

Hreha teaches the invention as claimed including bent-pipe satellite system which couples a LAN to a gateway and uses a dynamic assignment/multiple access protocol (see abstract).

As to claim 1, Hreha teaches a system that comprises a gateway that interfaces to an Internet provider or corporate network, a Local area network edge device, a satellite that provides a communication Link between the gateway and the local area network edge device, and one or more personal computers coupled by way of a network to the local area network edge device, a dynamic resource allocation system that supports differentiated services with different levels of priority, comprising:
an Internet protocol network (column 3, lines 16-17) that comprises:

a classifier for identifying specific types of messages (column 3, lines 56-59, Hreha discloses the system accommodates multiple types of data such as voice traffic and video (i.e. these types of data are inherently identified before they can be separated or grouped as belonging to a type therefore a “classifier” to perform such a task is present in the system))

a dynamic assignment/multiple access (DAMA) communication protocol for transmitting data over the system (column 2, lines 18-22 and lines 43-46).

As to claims 2 and 3, Hreha teaches the dynamic resources allocation system recited in claims 1 and 2 respectively wherein the satellite is a non-processing satellite, and a bent pipe communication link between the local area network edge device and the gateway (column 3, lines 4-12).

As to claim 4, Hreha teaches the dynamic resource allocation system recited in claim 1 wherein the satellite is a processing satellite comprising an onboard resource management (figure 1, item 11).

As to claims 5-11 and 18, Hreha teaches the dynamic resources allocation system recited in claim 1 wherein there is a DAMA communication protocol comprises an application detection algorithm, a resource requirement estimation algorithm that is based on queue statistics versus performance statistics, a resource request that generates a resource request to set required resources, a resource request that sends

raw queue statistics to the gateway to set required resources, a weighted fair queuing algorithm that performs a weighted fair queuing that drains the queues while effectively utilizing the gateway assigned resources, an algorithm that accumulates all requests received at the same time, an algorithm that functions to assign each edge device a time and frequency resources based upon service classes and consumer profile for each current and previous request, and a bandwidth request algorithm, a connection acceptance algorithm, a bandwidth usage detection algorithm, and a resource assignment algorithm (column 3, line 64 to column 4, line 15).

5. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to El Hadji M Sall whose telephone number is 571-272-4010. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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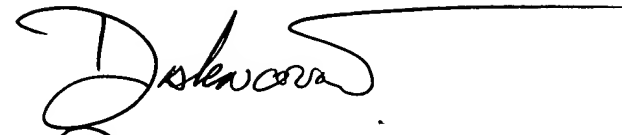
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